



YANKEE COURIER

What's coming up?

June

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Wing Career Day Lands Leads

by Maj. George H. Worrall III
103rd Fighter Wing

High School students from across Connecticut visited Bradley Air National Guard Base to learn about the benefits and opportunities the Connecticut Air National Guard offers during career day May 24, 2006.

With A-10 "Warthog" fighters flying a couple passes overhead while departing for their daily missions, the 344 students toured the working base maintenance and avionics shops, engine test facility, watched the security and fire rescue exercises, combat arms training and then visited individual equipment displays in the main hangar.



Technical Sgt. Aaron P. Bowman, squad leader, 103rd Security Forces Squadron, shows technical school students the type of weapons employed in air base defense May 24, 2006 at the base in East Granby. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Jeanne E. Daigneau)

"I was really impressed with all the technology," said Andrew Lyons, senior, Howell Cheney Technical School, Manchester. "The drills of fire [fighters] and military police shooting blanks were fun. We need more schools to come and see how great this base is."

Volunteer "flight leads" from across the base led each group on a tight timetable

to gain the most from their visit. The students impressed the flight leads.

"My group was great," said Technical Sgt. Holly Stuart, nondestructive inspection specialist and flight lead, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. "They had a lot of fun and asked intelligent questions. These kids were interested, asking how long training was, qualifications needed to work ...more than a tour."

The wing's professionalism shined at every turn and also made an impression. "They [Guard members] answered every dumb question we had, and every person took our questions seriously," said Lyons.

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

How we improve facilities

by Lt.Col. James Works,
103rd Civil Engineer Squadron

Have you every thought, "These buildings are really old, and CE never does anything to improve them? How come they never come out and fix them during UTAs?" Prior to my assumption of command of the 103rd Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), I certainly did. It turns out I did not have all the information I needed to fully understand what constraints the 103 CES operates under and how it works to improve the working conditions for everyone on base.

The first fact about Civil Engineering that must be put in the public is that there are really two organizations that have different missions. The 103 CES is the military organization that is here on UTA weekends and their sole purpose is to be prepared to deploy and build up and maintain expeditionary bases. Most of the UTA weekend is spent working on the AFI 10-210 directed skills and working on upgrade training. Any work done to improve the base during UTAs is related to skills that need to be accomplished to upgrade or maintain a person's AFSC. The second organization is the full-time Civil Engineer Division, which is made up of Federal Technicians and State Employees. The State employees are the people who take

care of the maintenance of all the facilities and grounds at both Bradley and Orange. The full-time staff also does the planning, programming, management of design and construction for the entire CTANG.

Of course now you are thinking, "That's nice, but how do I get my work space improved?" If your area



One of the final steps in the Master Plan process are architectural design drawings like this from 1996.

has a problem that needs repair or you have a new system requirement that needs more space, electrical supply, water, etc. you tell your Building Manager per SAI 32-100, Facility Maintenance, Repair, and Improvement Process. The Building Manager will submit an AF Form 332, Civil Engineer Work Request, which is reviewed by Safety, the Fire Department, Environmental and Civil Engineers during the Work Request

Review Board every Wednesday at 1p.m. in the CE Conference Room. Once a request is approved it is scheduled for work when we have both personnel available and the money for the materials or contract labor. If a work request is disapproved, it is returned to the requesting Building Manager with an explanation.

The other way we improve our facilities is through a Base Master Plan. The plan most people think of is the pretty book done by an architect-engineer firm in 1996 and has just collected dust. We are totally revising that plan due to all the mission changes at Bradley started by the DoD BRAC recommendations last May. The Facilities Board Working Group (FBWG), which is made up of full-time representatives of most working functions on base, has been drafting a plan to go forward for review and approval by the Facilities Board. Since the future missions we are being planning for, like the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA), Air Support Operations Squadron (ASOS), or TF-34 Consolidated Intermediate Repair Facility (CIRF), are not in the experience realm of most of us stationed at Bradley, we can use any input to help us make the correct decisions. If you have any inputs, please tell your chain of command and they will make sure the FBWG representative brings the idea to the table.

Once we finalize the current Master Plan direction, much more work must

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The 103rd Fighter Wing Mission is to train, organize, and equip personnel to provide an operationally-ready component of the militia to:

- Deploy and employ as directed in support of national objectives
- Support the office of the governor and provide resources in emergencies
- Participate proactively in programs benefiting the community and its members

Still WANTED:

More recruiting assistants to earn
\$2,000 for referrals!!

by Senior Master Sgt. Anthony B. Deangelis
Recruiting and Retention Supervisor,
Connecticut Air National Guard

To increase the CTANG's readiness and strength requirements while preparing for tomorrow's challenges, the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (G-RAP) promotes strength from within by recognizing and rewarding (currently for traditional guardsmen only) unit members who help the ANG achieve its manning goals. Starting immediately, CT Air Guard Recruiting Assistants (RA) will earn additional income assisting our recruiting efforts by identifying well-qualified men and women for service in the ANG. RAs earn \$2,000 for each new recruit who enlists and reports to Basic Training or for each prior service member who affiliates with a unit for three months and performs three drills. Upon enlistment, the RA will receive an initial payment of \$1,000, with a second \$1,000 payment upon successful shipment of a non-prior service to Basic Training. As for a prior service recruit, the RA will receive the initial payment of \$1,000 upon enlisting in the Air National Guard (MILPDS and AFRISS gained), and the second \$1,000 payment upon the prior service member successfully completing 90 days in their drilling unit.

The (G-RAP) is a contracted program for CTANG's traditional guardsmen, apply at www.GuardRecruitingAssistant.com to become eligible to serve as a part-time Recruiter Assistant (RA). The RA applicant will be verified and hired by the civilian contractor "Docupak Inc.," not the ANG. The web site includes all the information you need...and will answer all your questions. In addition to the recruiting staff, the POC for the G-Rap program is the contractor, Docupak, Inc. (888) 291-6004, www.docupak.com.

2006/7 Unit Training Assembly dates

October 14 & 15	May 5 & 6
November 4 & 5	June 2 & 3, 23 & 24
December 2 & 3	July periods in June
<u>2007</u>	August 4 & 5
January 6 & 7	September 8 & 9
February 3 & 4	October 13 & 14
March 3 & 4	November 3 & 4
April 14 & 15	December 1 & 2

Eighty Days to Make a Difference

by Maj. George H. Worrall III
103rd Fighter Wing

Staff Sgt. Melissa A. Letizio, services specialist, 103rd Services Squadron, finished an 80 day recruiting assistance tour for the 103rd Fighter Wing April 28, 2006. Her experience recruiting and talking with young people can benefit anyone looking to help their unit's recruiting, and potentially themselves, through the Guard Recruiting Assistance Program, G-RAP.

Letizio began her foray into recruiting several years before April close to home.

"I helped with recruiting before [the 80 day tour]," said Letizio. "I recruited two family members and a friend from school. I believe that is why Sergeant Anglero brought it [idea of a temp AGR tour] up to me."



Brother and sister Senior Airman Anthony C. Letizio, left, 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Melissa A. Letizio, right, 103rd Services Squadron, wait for students to arrive while visiting their alma mater Berlin High School, in April 2006. photo courtesy of the Letizio family)

With three recruits to her credit before day one of the tour, Letizio and her team added 154 leads through 40 school visits, three Military Enlistment Processing Station visits and three facility tours.

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INFO TO KNOW

Suspension of Custodial Services

by Lt. Col. James V. Works

Commander 103rd Civil Engineer Squadron

Due to the extreme shortfalls of funding ANG-wide, we have been approved by the AAG-Air and the 103 FW/CC to suspend the custodial contract at Bradley ANGB and Orange ANG until further notice. This was not an easy decision to make, but we must cut in every place we can.

What does this mean to everyone?

Work areas—Units and individuals are responsible for cleaning up their work areas, to include taking the trash to central dumpsters, vacuuming common areas, dusting, and general cleaning. CES will provide all cleaning materials required through the Building Managers. Units must make sure they plan for a thorough clean up at the end of UTAs to prevent an undue burden on the full-time work force the following week. In addition, recyclables will be collected one day a week from each organization at a designated time.

Bathrooms - CES Full-time personnel will provide cleaning service of all bathrooms at Bradley and Orange twice per week.

Finance Information

by Staff Sgt. Piper L. Masse

Accounting & Finance Technician, 103rd Fighter Wing

When changing any bank account information (EFT data) for pay purposes (or change of address info), you can go out to <https://mypay.dfas.mil> to make these changes for military pay and civilian fulltime technician pay. Important note for TRAVEL Pay: You must still submit a direct deposit form (FMS Form 2231) for travel pay as the website for mypay does not automatically update travel pay changes.

There are several sections within the finance office, such as Civilian Pay, Military Pay, Travel Pay, Vendor Pay, and Budget. Please ensure you submit the proper paperwork to the appropriate section within Finance. This will help to ensure the expeditious payment of your claim.

Finance now has a new contact method for customer service questions. Send your finance related questions to: Bradley FM Help Desk listed in the under global email directory. Please include in the subject line the section of finance your question is related to. Or if you prefer you can still contact via the helpdesk at ext. 2491 or come to finance in person. We would be happy to answer any questions we can.

Public Key Infrastructure and the "Push"

by Master Sgt. Robert Zukauskas

Information Assurance, 103rd Communications Flight

In the last few months, the base populace has been in the midst of a Public Key Infrastructure or "PKI Push" that has launched a media blitz to ensure everyone in the Fighter Wing and Air Control Squadron knows that Smart Card Logon (SCL) is right around the corner. The 103rd Communications Flight has written several articles for the Courier and Guardian, provided posters for doorways and bulletin boards, used CCTV to host a PKI poster montage, and posted the infamous "Don't forget your CAC" billboards that are seen when driving off base. In addition, the network folks have installed several types of programming scripts to ensure that you register your certificates from the CAC to your Active Directory account for logging into the network and one to remind you to pull out the card from the reader when logging out. With all of these reminders, one would assume that this base is ready for the next generation of logins, or are we?

In these past two months, between the Communications Flight and the Military Personnel Flight resetting the PINS, we've accounted for approximately 350 personnel who have accomplished this tasking. That's about 1/3rd of the base populace and if you figure in retirements, initial and reissues of CACs along with other attritional factors plus ACS personnel that would take up about another 1/3rd. That leaves approximately 300 to 400 people who either know their PINS, fantastic, or there are those last minute procrastinators, which may be detrimental to our OPS TEMPO! The Air Force, along with the concurrence of the Wing Commander, have issued an order, WARNORD 06-16, that every airmen must have their CACs updated and know their PINS by 31 July 06 in anticipation for the new way of logging into a DOD network. That date is fast approaching and when we finally go to the smart card login and leave our "old fashion ways" behind, those that aren't prepared will find themselves in long lines to comply with this order. There's no excuse for those not ready when the time comes unless, of course, you've been deployed for any length of time, but even those individuals will have been given an opportunity to comply with the Air Force Directive.

When the change does come, there will be those that are left scrambling to meet the requirements, and in turn, will produce a major impact on job performances and meeting the mission's needs. This will affect the ability to move critical information to the right areas and persons in making that all important command decision that will affect the flying of the day. The members of the 103rd Communications flight urge everyone in the unit to ensure your CACs are up-to-date and ready for this change over. Once that fateful day comes, it could mean the difference between a successful mission or aircraft being parked on the ramp due to lack of data, don't be the one who fails, remember, service before self!

The locations and times to ensure compliance are as follows:

Computer Training Room, across from the Dining Hall

Tuesday and Thursday: 0900-1000 & 1300-1400

UTA Weekends: 1000 - 1300 for both Saturday and Sunday

If there are any further questions or concerns on CACs, PKI, etc..., please feel free to call the Information Assurance Office at 292-2338 or go to the following PKI website:

<https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/html/flashindex.asp>



CAREER DAY

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Clearly the day was a success in goodwill alone, but how the day may assist with recruiting is the big question.

"I never thought I would be here in the military, but I might now," said Lyons.

The students visited from Connecticut's technical training high schools and connected with the equipment and technology on display more than most visitors.

"The turbine engines on the plane, I liked seeing them and it may be something I might do," said, Matthew Richard, sophomore, Windham Technical High School, Windham.

The instructors who accompanied their classes were as impressed as the students.

"The sophomores at Oliver Wolcott talked about the days events the entire ride home on the bus," said instructor Larry Buckley, Oliver Wolcott Technical High School, Torrington. "Twenty two students all talking about their experience of the day. This is significant... more than a field trip it may have been their first vision of life after high school."

So what is next, besides picking dates for next year?

"Now we have to start calling and see what they [students] want to do," said Master Sgt. Ivan Anglero, recruiting office supervisor, 103rd Fighter Wing. "The sale is started, now we have to close it."

As Master Sgt. Anglero, head of recruiting at the wing, plans the follow-up contact for the next morning, the head of recruiting looks ahead.

"How this was effective is that it created the exposure we needed," said Senior Master Sgt. Anthony B. Deangelis, recruiting and retention superintendent, Headquarters, Connecticut Air National Guard. "That alone was well worth the effort. I give everyone a lot of credit for the effort that was put in. I think we will reap benefits in years to come with the sophomores and juniors that were here today."

Staff Sgt. Melissa A. Letizio would like to thank the following for

Senior Airman William H. Beeler 103rd Security Forces Sq.
Staff Sgt. Bethany A. Carroll 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Senior Airman Paul A. Delgreco 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Senior Airman Christopher M. Lemieux 103rd Aircraft Maint. Sq.
Senior Airman Anthony C. Letizio 103rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.

80 DAYS

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"From outside of recruiting we normally get about 5 leads a week," said Master Sgt. Ivan Anglero, recruiting office supervisor, 103rd Fighter Wing, putting Letizio and her teams 15 per week accomplishment in perspective. "They have to really believe in the Guard and have the energy and motivation and that positive outlook on the air Guard to go out and do that, and she [Letizio] does believe."

Her belief in the Guard comes across quickly in conversation.

"I just enjoy it talking about it [Guard], the places I have traveled ... benefits I reaped," said Letizio. "I graduated college last year and got my bachelors, and can say 'see that [tuition benefit]' too. The places I have been over the past six years, like Italy last year, you just talk about stuff ... it [the Guard] is fun."

For the school visits and most of the leads, Letizio received assistance from 11 other members, including the brother and cousin she previously brought into the Guard.

"We got more attention from the kids than the typical recruiters as they are older," said Letizio. "We would just set up in the cafeterias and talk with folks. The people we got to help were from different areas on base, supply, security police, services, and maintenance.

"It was a huge positive for us that there are not a lot of female recruiters out there, and I think it made a difference [in showing the military is something women can do]," said Letizio. "They would say that to us when they came up, 'I don't usually see women in uniform that's great' from women."

The success in generated leads will pay dividends into the future.

"A lot [of leads] were high school juniors, sophomores, and freshman so we gave some contacts to the Civil Air Patrol, and the juniors we are working for next year," said Anglero explaining how the leads can later translate into recruits. She [Letizio] and the team were able to reach some demographics we cannot get to all the time."

So what advice does Staff Sgt. Letizio have for those who may recruit for the new GRAP program?

"We gave offers to the kids to see the base, which is important for those who do not have a family member or friend," said Letizio. "Sharing all my personal experiences, travel, awards was helpful for me. The fact I could say I got my degree, that I used a lot of the benefits, a bonus, the tuition waiver, student loan repayment. I used all of it ... every last bit.

assisting with high school visits and career fairs Feb through April.

Senior Airman Jason M. McQueeney 103rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Staff Sgt. Joshua A. Mead 103rd Services Flight
Tech. Sgt. Cheryl L. Pilletere 103rd Services Flight
Staff Sgt. Lindsey M. Rohner SSgt 103rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Staff Sgt. Brian C. Sheldon 103rd Maintenance Sq.
Senior Airman Michelle K. Urso 103rd Maintenance Sq.

Individual Accomplishment

The following individual graduated with honors:

2nd Lt. Thomas G. Olander **103 LRS**
Logistics Readiness Officer Course
Distinguished Graduate

Recent Promotions

1st Lt Christopher J. Pagoni 103 LRS
1st Lt Douglas P. Scheirey 103 MSF
1st Lt Eugene A. Stellon 103 SVF
MSgt George J. Ward 103 AMXS
SSgt Joshua A. Bradbury 103 AMXS

The following individuals graduated from Technical school, PME or other courses:

Capt. Thomas Hannon **103 SFS**
Security Forces Officer Course

2ndLt. Steven, Falusi **103 SFS**
Security Forces Officer Course

Master Sgt. Douglas Margelony **103 CES**
Operations Management Apprentice Course

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Tardif **103 AMS**
Aircraft Armament Craftsman

Senior Airman Eric J. Clark **103 CES**
Airman Leadership School

Airman Francisco J. Gonzalez **103 MS**
Basic Military Training
Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice Course

Airman Basic Megan Minitier **103 ACS**
Information Management Apprentice Course

Recent Retirees*

Staff Sgt. Chester J. Wasileski 27 years
Lt..Col. Thomas M. Eng 24 years
Senior Master Sgt. Michele Blancato 22 years
Maj. Shirley Y. Samy 21 years
Technical Sgt. Lawrence D. Pyka 20 years
Senior Airman Richard J. Tasco 20 years

*Names are published after retirement orders are distributed, which is often a month or more following the

Recent Enlistees

Staff Sgt. Joshua D. Marks 103 AMXS
Airman 1st Class Michael F. Antunes 103 ACS
Airman 1st Class Jason D. Hernandez 103 AMXS
Airman 1st Class Vincent C. Zotto 103 ACS
Airman Basic Aaron D. Jerolmon 103 SFS
Airman Basic Michael E. Tutko 103 ACS



By Staff Sgt. Joshua Mead

103rd Services Squadron Unit Public Affairs Rep

The 103rd Services Squadron along with members from the 103rd Air Control Squadron held a training bivouac from 4 May 2006 to 5 May 2006. The 103rd ACS SVF Squadron joined our training to prepare them for their first time deploying to Services Combat Training (SCT). SCT is where we use our home station training to prepare for real world deployments under bare base conditions. The Bivouac consisted of training on various parts of our readiness training, to include: M2 Burners, TEMPER Tents, Self Aid and Buddy Care (SABC), Search and Recovery, Field Fitness, Field Feeding and Force Beddown.

Photo to left: Services performing Search and Recovery training during our Home Station Training Bivouac. The two highlighted individuals are Staff Sgt. Shannon Turner, and Airman 1st Class Justin Vozzolo.

Service Before Self

by 2nd Lt. Jefferson S. Heiland

Deputy Public Affairs Officer, 103rd Fighter Wing

You've been to a parade, a change of command ceremony, a military funeral or, at the very least, a ballgame. At one, or all, of these events you've probably seen the always sharp, the always crisp honor guard marching in perfect step with facing movements that would make the harshest drill instructor proud.

Whether you're military or not, you would almost have to have noticed the quiet seriousness in the eyes beneath the black brim of the purposely-squared hat on an honor guardsman. You watched the deliberate, graceful and unforced movement, reminiscent of a dancer performing for the sake of the art, not for the applause.

What you may not have noticed is the unwavering dedication that is required to faithfully serve as one of these elite who, through ceremony, demonstrates respect for our flag and pays tribute to our fallen heroes.

This level of volunteerism and service speaks to the very essence of at least one of the core values that the Air Force holds so close to the heart. Service before self. Sacrificing your own time to practice and practice and then practice some more, like the kid who is convinced he'll someday play for the Red Sox.

Tech. Sgt. Carey E. Gaul, avionics technician, 103rd Maintenance Squadron, possesses this necessary level of dedication, as do the 11 other members of the base honor guard for the 103rd Fighter Wing at Bradley Air National Guard Base, East Granby, Conn.

Gaul volunteers and serves as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the team. Fresh out of basic training, she attended technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. in 1999, where she joined her squadron's drill team. This is where and when she "caught the bug," or "got the fever." She says she's been addicted ever since.

In 2001, back at her home station in Conn., Gaul remembers seeing a co-worker in her shop as he put the finishing touches on his dress blues in preparation for a ceremony. She asked him about what he was doing and he encouraged her to join the honor guard and told her whom to contact.

That's all the convincing it took.

She was soon fitted for her own uniform. Even now, she distinctly remembers trying it on after getting it back from the cleaners.

"I remember putting it on and just thinking—wow, this really fits—I kind of like this," she recounts with a gleaming smile and an extra sparkle in her eyes.

The primary mission of the honor guard is to support military funeral details, explains Gaul. She then partially identifies the motivation behind her service.

"Just being able to do that for the families is probably one of the most gratifying parts of being on the honor guard," she says with a deepened look of sincerity.

In the broader spectrum, she looks to a symbol of our na-

tion for renewed motivation.

"It's really (about) the flag because the flag is a part of every funeral, every retirement, every promotion ceremony. The flag is always there and that really symbolizes why we do everything," she explains.

She also admits to still getting "goose bumps" every time our anthem is played or sung when she's wearing the uniform. Speaking about her team, she describes the level of dedication that each member has and how it is the main factor for the success of the program.

"We have a good handful of members who are fired up, this is what they want to do. They are all about being on the honor guard," she says.

Gaul also points out that the team understands the significance of their role.

"We are sometimes the only faces from Bradley that the public will see and we always bear that in mind. And we're not just representing the uniform, we're representing a specific base, we're representing the Air Force, we're representing everybody in blue."

Gaul cites dedication as the most significant attribute of someone serving in the honor guard. In fact, dedication is so important that it, along with a commitment to serve with the team for two years, are the only prerequisites for receiving formal training.

Formal training lasts two weeks and is intended for volunteers who are ready for the intermediate to advanced levels of drill execution. The training is held at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. and is paid for by the 103rd Fighter Wing.

The Flying Yankee Honor Guard team of the 103rd normally performs 20-25 scheduled ceremonies each year. Performances include those for dining-ins, the armed forces day luncheon, and various parades. Additionally, the team must answer requests from individuals for funerals or from organizations for special occasions.

The team meets for practice from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday of each monthly Unit Training Assembly, or "drill weekend." Members also get together on one "off" Saturday between drills.

Fulfilling the demands of each request can stretch the 12-member team thin. Gaul says the team would, ideally, have 21 members so that it could accommodate a true, full military funeral requiring 20 guardsmen. She also points out that, with more volunteers, they could more easily satisfy the requests.

Unit members who are interested in enhancing their guard experience are encouraged to do so by putting "service before self." A good place to start would be to submit an application to join the Bradley Air National Guard Base Honor Guard. You can get more information about the base honor guard and opportunities to serve by contacting Tech. Sgt. Carey Gaul at (860) 292-2522.

Chaplain's Corner

by (Capt.) Chaplain David Larsen

I Believe in Altruism

She slid off the road with enough momentum to break the utility pole that her car wrapped around. The top half of the pole creaked and leaned menacingly over the smashed vehicle—suspended only by the overhead wires which were still live. The side impact penetrated two feet into the passenger compartment. Life Star was called immediately.

The victim was conscious, but injured and trapped. If our emergency crew didn't act immediately, she might die from blood loss, hypothermia, electrocution, or be crushed if the unstable pole fell.

If they didn't wait for Conn. Light & Power to cut the power and secure the pole, they would risk being crushed or electrocuted.

Critical time was ticking and a choice had to be made. The crew went to work in spite of the danger. At some point in the rescue operation, ten different men risked their lives to save a girl they didn't even know.

Now here's an ethics question: Is it worth risking five family men at a time, in an effort to save one college girl? The crew I work with doesn't ask questions like that. They just do what needs doing. And they do it selflessly.

My experience in the volunteer fire department is like my experience in the church, the state police, and our air national guard. You can see where I'm coming from.

I've been told that I am overly optimistic about



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people. Maybe that is true. If I expect people to demonstrate unselfish concern for the welfare of others, then I blame it on my faith and the company I keep.

My experience may be limited. But it is not irrational. It is based on fact. I know what I have seen.

Editors Note: Chaplain Larsen is a volunteer firefighter and chaplain for the Voluntown Volunteer Fire Department.



Voluntown firefighters work to extricate a trapped women from a vehicle under live power lines. (Photo courtesy of the Voluntown Volunteer Fire Department, used with permission.)

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be done over the next several years. Currently there is a plan for a formal Master Plan update by an architect-engineer firm in FY08, by which time our future missions should all be settled out. Civil Engineering will ensure this plan does not sit on a shelf and do nothing. We have created the programming documents to go down to the ANG for inclusion into the Future Years Defense Plan (FYDP). Once design funds are allocated, the 103 CES must contract an architect-engineer firm to come up with a design so construction can be started when military construction (MilCon) funding becomes available (typically a 5-8 year

process). We are planning on taking advantage of mission changes and great congressional support to get many new buildings through the MilCon process over the next five to ten years.

In future months we will get the word out on what our living Base Master Plan is so each member of the 103rd Fighter Wing knows what changes in facilities to expect and when they will happen to improve the working conditions. The 103 CES greatly improved on our communications with customers over the past 1 ½ years and still want to get better. If you have any questions about facilities or suggestions for improvement, feel free to stop by or send an email to james.works@ctbrad.ang.af.mil.

Free Theme Parks Admission

Anheuser-Busch's Entertainment companies, maker of Budweiser beer, is continuing its salute to the armed forces and their families. Throughout 2006, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter any one of Anheuser-Busch's SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission.

Details:

-Complimentary admission for active military and active members of a reserve or National Guard unit, and/or up to three direct dependants.

-Valid for one complimentary single-day admission per person, per year, to one of the following Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks:

- o SeaWorld Orlando, San Diego, or San Antonio
- o Busch Gardens Tampa Bay or Williamsburg
- o Sesame Place
- o Water Country USA
- o Adventure Island

Offer valid between 1/1/2006 and 12/31/2006.

Operating days and hours vary by park.

Please check with specific park for current operating schedule.

Register and get complete details at: www.herosalute.com

Zebra Club News

The Zebra Club provides wing members an opportunity to relax and socialize with their fellow Guard members during off-duty hours.

Club hours are every Tuesday through Friday 1630 to 2300 and drill weekends, 1630 to 2300. You must be a current member to enter. If you're not a member, a one year membership may be purchased at the door for \$10.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July & August - Concerts. The club will have two bands this summer during the July and August drills. More information on which bands will be playing on which dates will be out next month.

August 26 - Zebra Club Golf Tournament

The 6th Annual Zebra Club/Gerry Salzarulo Golf Tournament

WHEN: Saturday August 26, 2006

WHERE: Edgewood Golf Course
Sheep Pasture Rd Southwick Mass.

Shot gun start @ 7:45am

\$90.00pp

Price includes cart, 18 holes, food and soda or beer at turn, as well as banquet immediately following at the Zebra Club.

**CONTACT: Donna or Gary
Paquette @ 413-9489**

**Or Zebra Club @ 623-4232 after
4pm Tuesday thru Friday**

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Maj.Gen. Thad Martin visited with deployed Connecticut Airmen and Soldiers ...

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...Lt.Col . Brian Barnes became Col. Brian Barnes

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and LRS welcomed a new Commander.

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